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SUBJECT: OPENING OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN ALGIERS

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1. CHARGE D' AFFAIRES OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY IN ALGIERS, TO BE OPENED IN JAN, 1975 (REFTEL) WILL BE BRUCE WOODBERRY, WHO WAS AUSTRALIAN CHARGE IN HANOI FROM JULY, 1973, TO OCT, 1974. WOODBERRY TELLS US THAT HE PLANS TO LEAVE CANBERRA ABOUT END OF NOV, 1974, WITH FREQUENT STOPS ENROUTE TO PARIS, LEAVING BY SHIP FROM MARSEILLES FOR ALGIERS IN JAN, 1975.

2. WOODBERRY IS EXPERIENCED AND VERY CAPABLE DIPLOMAT. BORN IN LAUNCESTON, TASMANIA, APRIL 12, 1926, HE ENTERED THE AUSTRALIAN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE IN 1948 AND HAS SERVED IN BERLIN, PARIS, KUALA LUMPUR, SAIGON, BRUSSELS, LONDON, CANBERRA, AND HANOI. A BACHELOR, HE SPEAKS AND READS FRENCH FLUENTLY. HE ANTICIPATES CONSIDERABLE STAFFING PROBLEMS FOR AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY, BOTH IN TERMS OF AUSTRALIAN STAFF (GREAT SHORTAGE OF FRENCH-SPEAKING OFFICERS) AND LOCAL STAFF (MUST BE FOUND IN ALGIERS). WOODBERRY HAS BEEN

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WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO POLITICAL COUNSELOR FOR 15 YEARS AND HAS PROVED TO BE PERCEPTIVE OBSERVER OF LOCAL

SCENE WILLING TO SHARE HIS VIEWS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS.
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